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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

# REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The references submitted herein (expect US 6,770,936 and US 6,933,571) were cited in a search report mailed July 4, 2006, in counterpart European application no. EP 00107789.0, which shares the same Japanese priority application as the present invention.

The family of JP 10-096962 cited herein includes: US Patent No. 6,067,132

The family of WO 98/015973 cited herein includes:
US Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0038097 A1
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No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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### <u>FEE</u>

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Respectfully submitted,

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European Search Report re application no. EP 00107789.0, dated July 4, 2006.

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